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ENJOY THE HERMES TOUR ADVANTAGE

Venture off the tourist path into your destination's backyard, for unforgettable worldwide discoveries at the best value for gay and lesbian travelers.

Small groups of like-minded gay and lesbian travelers—our group size caps off at 20, so we can explore unobtrusively for a more authentic experience.

Focus on discovery—the richest discoveries are off the typical tourist-worn path. We'll take you there, so you'll experience the cultures and natural environments of your destination in a more meaningful way.

Unrivalled camaraderie—we don't believe you need circuit-like parties to make friends. Quite the contrary, we've found that when our travelers share unforgettable experiences, bonds form quite naturally, and quickly.

The best value in gay and lesbian travel—enjoy the most authentic experience, and pay less than you would with other gay and lesbian travel companies.

And even greater savings—pay even less when you reserve your trip at least 5 months before departure with our \$100 per person early booking discount.





IBERIA



IBERIA! MADRID TO LISBON

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 – TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013

Wedded bliss reigns in the Iberian countries of Spain and Portugal. Gay marriage is written into their laws. And together, their union reveals a breathtaking repository of a rich cultural, religious, and world history. From vast Spanish plains, Moors and Christians vied for power and built stunning fortress complexes. From Portuguese shores, bold explorers set out for new worlds. And from the vantage point of your Hermes small group, you'll unveil the centuries-old secrets of these welcoming nations.



HIGHLIGHTS

Madrid City Tour, including the Royal Palace and El Prado Museum

Toledo & El Escorial including the cathedral, St. Thomas Church, and Valley of the Fallen

Segovia & Avila, including the Alcazar and gothic cathedral

Cordoba Tour, including La Mezquita mosque-cathedral

Granada Tour, including Alhambra palace-fortress

Seville Tour, including cathedral and Giralda

Jerez de la Frontera Sherry Tasting

Evora Tour, including Sao Francisco Church and Evora Cathedral

Lisbon Tour, including Jeronimos Monastery, Belem Tower, and Monument to the Discoveries

Accommodations for 9 nights in 4-star, centrally located hotels

Daily breakfast, 1 lunch and 2 dinners

Services of a Hermes Tours escort

Services of an expert, local guide in all cities

\$100 per person savings if you reserve 5 months before departure!

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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 – Saturday, August 17 – Arrive in Madrid (D)

If there's one thing you'll notice about madrileños, it's their sociability. Witness it for yourself during our city tour, which includes the Plaza Mayor, the hot gathering spot for locals; the Royal Palace, residence to the King; and El Prado, Spain's repository of artistic treasures. Tonight, join our special Hermes Welcome Dinner.

Day 2 – Sunday, August 18 – Toledo & El Escorial (B)

Venture today to Toledo, city of El Greco. Perched on a dramatic hillside overlooking the Tagus River, Toledo brims with old world charm. You'll visit the ornate cathedral and St. Thomas Church. En route back to Madrid, you'll stop at El Escorial, an historic royal residence and monastery, and the Valley of the Fallen, a monument dedicated to those who died in the Spanish Civil War.

Day 3 – Monday, August 19 – Segovia & Avila (B)

Drive today to Segovia, in the shadow of the Guadarrama Mountains. After a tour of the medieval and mighty Alcazar, overlooking the Eresma and Clamores rivers, continue to Avila, set on a rocky plateau amidst vast Spanish plains. During our visit, you'll tour Spain's first gothic cathedral.

Day 4 – Tuesday, August 20 – Cordoba (B)

Travel by train through spectacular Spanish countryside to Cordoba, and take in this fascinating city during a city tour. Marvel at the Islamic-accented Alcazar of Christian Monarchs, and visit the famed Mezquita mosque-cathedral, with its stunning facades and 856 columns of jasper, onyx, marble, and granite.

Day 5 – Wednesday, August 21 – Granada (B)

Today we'll transfer to Granada, and get acquainted with its sights. The grand highlight today is the hilltop Alhambra Palace. Built by Moors, occupied by Christians, this is where Columbus received blessings for his explorations from Ferdinand and Isabella. You can also stroll the stunning Generalife Gardens, and admire its stunning views.

Day 6 – Thursday, August 22 – Seville (B)

Journey to Seville today, birthplace of the flamenco and Andalucia's artistic and cultural capital. During a city tour, you'll behold its gothic-baroque cathedral and its Giralda, a minaret-turned-bell-tower built with interior ramps to allow its holy men to ascend on horseback.

Day 7 – Friday, August 23 – Jerez de la Frontera (B,L)

Today you'll visit Jerez de la Frontera, world renowned for its production of sherry. Stop at a local sherry cellar for a tasting of the sweet nectar, and enjoy a lunch of regional dishes. The afternoon and evening are free for you to explore Seville on your own.

Day 8 – Saturday, August 24 – Evora, Portugal (B)

Travel to Evora today, where you'll contemplate the eerie Chapel of Bones at the Sao Francisco Cathedral. You'll also visit the imposing Evora Cathedral, perched upon the city's highest spot. We then continue onwards to Lisbon, Portugal's pulsating capital.

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Day 9 – Sunday, August 25 – Lisbon (B)

Lisbon's wealth was built upon the Age of Exploration, and evidence of its maritime history is everywhere. During our city tour, you'll explore the Jeronimos Monastery and Belem Tower, and marvel at the resplendent Monument to the Discoveries.

Day 10 – Monday, August 26 – Cabo da Roca & Sintra (B,D)

This morning, take in the beauty of two coastal gems. First, set foot on mainland Europe's westernmost point on Cabo da Roca. Continue to Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its plentiful 19th-century Romantic architecture. You'll visit its fairy-tale National Palace. Your afternoon is free to explore Lisbon's historic Alfama district and browse its shops. Tonight, celebrate your Iberian journey during our special Hermes Farewell Dinner.

Day 11 – Tuesday, August 27 – Depart for home (B)

Fly home today.

Price: \$3495 per person, double occupancy, land only.
Book 5 months before departure & save \$100!

Single Supplement: \$600 USD, Not Required. Hermes Tours can match you with another traveler should you wish at no cost. Please note that there is a limited number of single rooms available.





TOUR REGISTRATION FORM 2012/2013

Complete one form for each guest. Signature required for Billing and General Information and Conditions.
You may fax the completed form to Happy Gay Travel at: **+44 2071382691** or email to: **happy@happygaytravel.com**

Please submit one registration form for each guest

TOUR TITLE: _____ TOUR DATE: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? Happy Gay Travel

LEGAL NAME (AS PER PASSPORT): _____ GENDER M: ☐ F: ☐

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE/PROVINCE, ZIP/POSTAL CODE, COUNTRY: _____

PREFERRED NAME (NICKNAME) : _____ DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY): _____

TELEPHONE: _____ ALTERNATE TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ MEDICAL/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: _____

PASSPORT NUMBER: _____ COUNTRY PASSPORT ISSUED IN: _____

PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE: _____

(PLEASE NOTE YOUR PASSPORT SHOULD BE VALID FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS BEYOND YOUR RETURN DATE HOME).

SINGLES:

☐ I would like single accommodations. A single supplement charge will apply.

☐ I am traveling as a single but would like Hermes Tours to find me a share if possible. No charges will apply. ☐ I am a smoker

SHARED ACCOMMODATION: Please indicate if you would prefer a double bed or twin bed in the hotels. We will make every effort possible to accommodate.

☐ We would like twin bedded accommodation

☐ We would like a double bed

Notes: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY: Each guest should carefully read the following conditions. Making a reservation or acceptance of tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the conditions outlined below.

BOOKING CONDITIONS: A deposit of \$500 USD per tour and person is required for us to reserve a space for you. The deposit may be made either with credit card or check. Final payment for the tour is due 80 days prior to departure. **Final Payment can only be done by either personal check or credit card, payable to Hermes Tours.** If we do not receive final payment by this date we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. **Payment in full is required at the time of booking for reservations made less than 80 days before departure date.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: *All notifications of cancellations must be received in writing.* We will assess the following penalties on the day that your cancellation is received: All cancellations will be assessed a \$500.00 USD administration fee per tour/person. Final payment for the tour is due 80 days prior to departure. If we do not receive final payment by this date we reserve the right to cancel the reservation.

- 1) Cancellations received more than 80 days prior to departure will be assessed a \$500.00 USD administration fee per tour/person.
- 2) Cancellations received within 40-79 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of 50% of the total invoice amount.
- 3) Cancellations received from departure date to 39 days prior to departure will be assessed a cancellation fee of 100% of the total invoice amount.
- 4) No refunds will be given for any activity on the tour that you chose not to participate.
- 5) No travel documents may be issued unless booking has been paid in full.
- 6) Refunds on airline, rail and cruise tickets are subject to the policy of the airline/rail/cruise company.

ACCOMMODATIONS & ITINERARY: We reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the tour. The right is reserved to substitute hotels in similar categories.

LODGING: Prices are per person, double occupancy, except as otherwise noted. If you sign up at least 100 days before departure and would like the per-person/double rate, we will either match you with a roommate, or give you a room to yourself at no extra charge. If you want to room alone you may do so by paying the singles supplement.

INSURANCE: Trip cancellation insurance as well as medical travel insurance is highly recommended. Hermes Tours can provide this for you should you wish. Travel Insurance is not compulsory except for any Hermes Tours Adventure Tour. Should you elect to not purchase travel insurance, you will be required to sign a Travel insurance waiver. You will also be responsible for all costs that may be incurred should you need to cancel your trip for any reason. You will also be responsible for any costs incurred and not limited to any medical attention, terrorism event, political unrest or other condition incurred while on your trip or prior to the departure of your trip. Please inquire about policies that cover you for such instances. Hermes Tours provides travel insurance via Travel Guard.

SAFETY: Please be aware that during your participation in tours operated by Hermes Tours, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in underdeveloped areas, travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft, or other means of transportation, the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Hermes Tours will not have liability regarding provisions of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that Hermes Tours will use its best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

BEHAVIOR: Participants agree to respect the laws and customs of the regions in which we travel. A participant may be asked to leave the trip if our guide feels that the person's continuing participation may prove detrimental to that individual, or to the safety, well-being, or enjoyment of others.

DISCLAIMER: Hermes Tours does not accept responsibility, including financial in whole or in part for any delay, loss, accidents, personal injury, sickness, medical expenses, acts of terrorism, event of political unrest, "acts of god" or property damage by fault of any person from whatever cause. All participants are required to sign a standard liability form. Hermes Tours recommends all travelers acquire adequate travel insurance.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE: Airport taxes and fees, passports, visas and vaccinations, tips to your tour director, tour driver, local city guides, laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol and beverages and food unless stated otherwise, optional excursions, travel insurance, and all other items of a personal nature.

PHOTOS/EMAIL: Trip Members grant Hermes Tours express permission to take photographic records of its trips for promotional and commercial use without compensation to trip members. Members who do not wish to have their photo taken must inform their tour leader on the first day of the tour. Your name and email address may be supplied to other participants on your trip at the beginning and/or end of the trip unless you request otherwise.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Portage of one suitcase on the tour is included in the tour price. For safety reasons, wheeled carry-on bags are not suitable as hand luggage on motorcoaches and mini-buses.

Guest signature: _____ Date: _____



PAYMENTS

STEP 1:

DEPOSIT

Please deposit \$500 USD per person to reserve your space on the tour.

(Payment is due in full if booked less than 80 days prior to departure, please see booking conditions below)

☐ Enclosed is a personal check payable to Hermes Tours Inc.

Please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Account # _____ CVV: _____ Exp. Date _____ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

STEP 2:

FINAL BALANCE

Final balances are due in full 80 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by personal check or major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover card). If desired, you may also set up a payment plan where Hermes Tours will automatically deduct payments from your credit card. On a scheduled basis.

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (A, B OR C):

A. ☐ I will mail a check for final payment

B. ☐ I authorize Hermes Tours to automatically deduct my credit card for final payment in full, 80 days prior to departure. *Please notify us at least 5 days before scheduled deduction if you would like to make any changes.*

Please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Account # _____ CVV: _____ Exp. Date _____ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

PAYMENT PLANS:

C. ☐ I would like to set up a payment plan with my credit card, the balance will be paid in full 80 days prior to departure. (Not applicable to guests who register less than 80 days prior to departure). *Please notify us at least 5 days before scheduled deduction if you would like to make any changes.*

I authorize Hermes Tours to deduct \$ _____ USD on the 15th of each month starting in _____ (month) until my balance has been paid in full.

Please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

Account # _____ CVV: _____ Exp. Date _____ MM / YY

Cardholder Name: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

STEP 3:

INSURANCE

Would you like Hermes Tours to send you a Travel Cancellation and Medical Insurance quote? * ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Clients who do not wish to purchase travel insurance will be required to sign a Travel Insurance waiver.